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# H. R. 3809

To amend chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for organ and tissue donation awareness through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. MOAKLEY, and Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS TO BENEFIT**  
4 **ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United  
6 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 414 the  
7 following:

1 **“§ 414a. Special postage stamps for organ and tissue**  
2 **donation awareness**

3 “(a) In order to afford the public a convenient way  
4 to contribute to funding for organ and tissue donation  
5 awareness, the Postal Service shall establish a special rate  
6 of postage for first-class mail under this section.

7 “(b) The rate of postage established under this  
8 section—

9 “(1) shall be equal to the regular first-class rate  
10 of postage, plus a differential of not to exceed 25  
11 percent;

12 “(2) shall be set by the Governors in accord-  
13 ance with such procedures as the Governors shall by  
14 regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under  
15 chapter 36); and

16 “(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the  
17 regular first-class rate of postage.

18 “(c) The use of the special rate of postage established  
19 under this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal  
20 patrons.

21 “(d)(1) The Postal Service shall pay the amounts be-  
22 coming available for organ and tissue donation awareness  
23 under this section to the Department of Health and  
24 Human Services for organ and tissue donation awareness  
25 programs. Payments under this paragraph to the Depart-  
26 ment of Health and Human Services shall be made under

1 such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual  
2 agreement with the Department establish in order to carry  
3 out the purposes of this section, except that, under those  
4 arrangements, payments to the Department shall be made  
5 at least twice a year. In consultation with donor organiza-  
6 tions and other members of the transplant community, the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services may make any  
8 funds paid to the Department under this section available  
9 to donor organizations and other members of the trans-  
10 plant community for donor awareness programs.

11 “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts  
12 becoming available for organ and tissue donation aware-  
13 ness under this section’ means—

14 “(A) the total amounts received by the Postal  
15 Service that it would not have received but for the  
16 enactment of this section, reduced by

17 “(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable  
18 costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out  
19 this section, including those attributable to the  
20 printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this  
21 section,

22 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that  
23 the Postal Service shall prescribe.

24 “(e) It is the sense of Congress that nothing in this  
25 section should—

1           “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease  
2           in total funds received by the Department of Health  
3           and Human Services or any other agency of the  
4           Government (or any component or program thereof)  
5           below the level that would otherwise have been re-  
6           ceived but for the enactment of this section; or

7           “(2) affect regular first-class rates of postage  
8           or any other regular rates of postage.

9           “(f) Special postage stamps under this section shall  
10          be made available to the public beginning on such date  
11          as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in  
12          no event later than 12 months after the date of the enact-  
13          ment of this section.

14          “(g) The Postmaster General shall include in each  
15          report rendered under section 2402 with respect to any  
16          period during any portion of which this section is in effect  
17          information concerning the operation of this section, ex-  
18          cept that, at a minimum, each shall include—

19                 “(1) the total amount described in subsection  
20                 (d)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service  
21                 during the period covered by such report; and

22                 “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how  
23                 much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-  
24                 quired for the purposes described in subsection  
25                 (d)(2)(B).

1       “(h) This section shall cease to be effective at the  
 2 end of the 2-year period beginning on the date on which  
 3 special postage stamps under this section are first made  
 4 available to the public.”.

5       (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6           (1) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections  
 7 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is  
 8 amended by striking the item relating to section 414  
 9 and inserting the following:

“414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast cancer research.

“414a. Special postage stamps to benefit organ and tissue donation awareness.”.

10          (2) SECTION HEADING.—The heading for sec-  
 11 tion 414 of title 39, United States Code, is amended  
 12 to read as follows:

13       **“§ 414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast can-**  
 14               **cer research”.**

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